

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on March 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 294, 3/12/2015
Executive Action: HB 430, SB 226, SB 237, SB 294

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 294, Revise hospital district laws.

[EXHIBIT\(l oh51a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:24 Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC);
Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

00:06:01 Candace Payne, Prairie Community Hospital

[EXHIBIT\(l oh51a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(l oh51a03\)](#)

00:08:53 Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:09:47 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:11:32 Ron Devlin, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:57 Rep. Hayman

00:14:30 Rep. Kelker

00:15:06 Sen. Moore

00:15:19 Jason Rittal, EPEDC; MEDA

00:16:00 Rep. Kelker

00:16:08 Chair Greef

00:16:48 Dick Brown, MHA

00:16:55 Chair Greef

00:17:15 Dick Brown, MHA

00:17:25 Chair Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:35 Sen. Moore

00:18:00 Chair Greef

00:19:14 Recess

00:33:55 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 430

00:34:51 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 430 DO PASS.**

00:35:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 430 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(l oh51a04\)](#)

00:35:34 Chair Greef

00:35:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

00:36:03 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 430 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:36:17 Rep. Swanson

00:36:57 Rep. Kelker

00:38:02 Rep. Lamm

00:38:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

00:40:20 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 226 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:40:49 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **SB 226 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(lah51a05)

Discussion:

00:43:19 Rep. McConnell

00:43:42 Rep. Mandeville

00:44:26 Rep. McConnell

00:44:45 Rep. Mandeville

00:44:59 Rep. Funk

00:45:37 Rep. Mandeville

00:45:48 Rep. Lamm

00:46:19 Rep. Kelker

00:47:21 Rep. Berry

00:47:34 Rep. Pope

00:48:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Pope, Rep. Steenberg, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilson voting no. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

00:49:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 226 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Garner, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Richmond, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

00:51:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 226 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Schwaderer was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 237

00:51:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 237 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy. Rep. Garner will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

00:52:50 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:53:10 Rep. Garner

00:54:01 Chair Greef

00:54:12 Rep. Swanson

00:54:27 Chair Greef

00:54:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy. Rep. Randall will carry the bill.

00:55:18 Chair Greef

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:55:48

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh51aad.pdf](#))